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SUBJ: VILLA CONSTITUCION STRIKE ENDS

STRIKING METAL WORKERS UNION ENDED TWO-MONTHS OLD STRIKE IN VILLA CONSTITUCION ON MAY 19. STRIKE ENDED ON GUARANTEES THAT WORKERS WOULD RECEIVED FULL LOST PAY, 1000 PESOS WAGE INCREASE AND THAT NO REPRISALS WOULD BE TAKEN. LOCAL UOM SUBSECGEN ANGEL SEGOVIA, ONLY UNION LEADER NOT ARRESTED IN GOA MOVE WHICH SPARKED THE STIKE, WILL ASSUME CONTROL OF UNION. GOA HAD ALSO ANNOUNCED INTENTION RELEASE ALL THOSE ARRESTED UNIONISTS WHO WERE NOT INVOLVED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. RESULTS OF STRIKE WERE TWO WORKERS, PERSONNEL MANAGER FOR MAJOR COMPANY AND ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF KILLED, BOTH WORKERS AND MANAGEMENT TERRORIZED BY BOMBS, ETC., AND LOSS OF TWO MONTHS PRODUCTIVITY. THE GOA HAS PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE ITS CHARGE THAT UNIONISTS WERE INVOLVED IN "VAST SUBVERSIVE PLOT", ALTHOUGH MONTONEROS AND OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS DID SUPPORT WORKERS DURING TWO MONTHS LONG STRIKE.

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